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Testimony on HB 753
House Natural Resources Committee
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I am here today representing Montana Audubon. Montana Audubon is composed of nine chapters and has nearly 4,000 members across the state.

We support House Bill 753. The plan outlined in this bill will work to protect wildlife and people from the harmful effects of Global Warming.

Montana will be affected by global warming in coming years in the following ways:

Less snow will mean less winterkill of deer – we will see a population explosion in upcoming years that will be difficult to manage

Certain animals need snow to survive, such as the already rare wolverine, which can only den in snow.

Animals are beginning not to hibernate due to warmer temperatures – this year in the Spanish Pyrenees bears did not go into hibernation at all. The ecological and management implications will be severe.

There will be a huge increase in forest insect and disease issues, equally bad for wildlife and the economy.

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